

AN ART NUCLEUS

Two Pieces of Statuary at Oahu College.

THE CASTS FROM LONDON

Augustus Caesar Herod: Size and Diana Gabil Life Size—in Pauahi Hall

Ever since Mr. F. A. Hosmer was made President of Oahu College here, which was nine years ago, one of his chief endeavors has been to develop and maintain an atmosphere of the artistic about the school. There has been achieved a fair amount of success in this commendable effort. One thought of Mr. Hosmer has been that the College was the place for an art museum. The assembly room of Pauahi Hall, the gift of Chas. R. Bishop, is a grand exhibition spot and for the overflow there are other handsome rooms and some magnificent corridors.

An ambitious beginning for the museum has been made. Pictures have been given by Chas. R. Bishop, Col. W. F. Allen, Jas. S. McCandless and others. Lately Mr. Hosmer has secured and placed two pieces of statuary. These are plaster casts of Augustus Caesar and Diana Gabil just received from D. Brunelini, London.

The Caesar is of heroic proportions and is a noble and inspiring piece of work. It is a copy of the marble statue in the Vatican museum at Rome. This original was found near Rome in 1863 and has excited the admiration of artists and art lovers all over the world. The conception represents the empire itself in the fullest prime of life, marking the era of the birth of Christ. Caesar is addressing the soldiery. He has laid aside the sword, has taken up the staff of civil authority and is proclaiming universal peace. Every detail of the reproduction is perfect and the effect upon the beholder is striking and fascinating.

The original of the Diana Gabil is in the Louvre at Paris. This statue is life size. It represents the virgin goddess fastening her robe at the right shoulder with golden clasps. One is impressed with the graceful attitude and the peaceful expression of the face. In mythology Diana is the twin sister of Apollo, the pair being the son and daughter of Jupiter and Latona. Diana is called the Moon Goddess and the Huntress of the gods.

There are many visitors to Pauahi these days to see the casts of the famous statues. Mr. Hosmer is proud of the acquisitions and has high hopes of increasing the display. With these two pieces, the paintings and a magnificent bust of Minerva there is the nucleus for a collection that will doubtless be enriched from time to time by wealthy friends of the college.

A standard history says of Augustus, the nephew of Julius Caesar:

After the clamor of a hundred years, a sweet silence seemed to fall upon the earth. The temple of Janus was closed for the second time since the pious Numa. Warned by the fate of Julius, Augustus did not take the name of King, nor stir the Roman prejudices by any sudden seizure of authority. He kept up all the forms of the Republic. Every ten years he went through the form of laying down his rank as chief of the army, or emperor—a title since contracted to emperor. He professed himself the humble servant of the Senate, while he really exercised absolute power. Gradually all the offices of trust were centered in him. He became at once proconsul, consul, censor, tribune and high priest.

As consul he became chief magistrate; as censor, he could decide who were to be senators; as tribune he heard appeals, and his person was sacred; as emperor, he commanded the army; and as pontifex maximus, or chief priest, he was the head of the national religion. These were powers originally belonging to the king, but which, during the republic, from a fear of centralization had been distributed among different persons. Now the emperor gathered them up again.

The Augustan age was, however, one of general peace and prosperity. The emperor lived unostentatiously in his house, not in a palace, and his toga was worn by his wife Livia and her maidens. He revived the worship of the gods. His chosen friends were men of letters. He beautified Rome so that he could truly boast that he "found the city of brick, and left it of marble." There was no war of pirates, or hostile fleets, and grain came in plenty from Egypt. The people were amused and fed; hence they were contented. The provinces were well governed and many gained Roman citizenship. A single language became a universal bond of intercourse, and Rome began her work of civilization and education. Wars having nearly ceased, and interest in politics having diminished, men turned their thoughts more toward literature, art and religion.

The birth of Christ, the central figure in all history, occurred during the wide spread peace of this reign.

Joe Dillon, one of the men captured by the Filipinos, is known here as a boatman and barber. Dillon is an old timer of Honolulu and shipped on the Yorktown when the gunboat was here last.



AUGUSTUS CAESAR.

(Harry Roberts' Chalk Plate From a Photograph.)

FROM MR. DOLE

The President Explains Associated Charities.

Applications for Assistance to be Investigated—Separate Societies Still Independent.

As this enterprise does not seem to be clearly understood by every one interested in the existing charitable organizations, I desire to make the following explanation:

The plan, as so far elaborated, provides for a committee made up largely of the members of the local charitable societies, which shall, through one or more paid agents, investigate all applications for assistance, and record the information thus obtained. Such cases as are ascertained to be proper subjects for charitable assistance to be thereupon recommended to the society to which they appear to belong.

It is not intended that the central committee shall compete with the local benevolent societies in direct charitable work, or have anything to say about the disposition of the funds of such societies; but that it shall do for all the societies the work of collecting information bearing upon applications for assistance and referring genuine cases to the proper society.

The effect of such work will be the application of funds of the benevolent societies of Honolulu solely to proper cases for charitable assistance, and the termination of the objectionable practice, which prevails to some extent among applicants for assistance, of levying contributions from several societies at the same time.

The general effect of this enterprise, if successfully carried on, will be to discourage pauperism and to promote the most effective application of the funds of the charitable organizations.

The central organization will not depend on the other societies for its running expenses.

SANFORD B. DOLE

NOTES FROM KAU.

Rain After Dry Winds—Cane Mills in Operation.

(Special Correspondence.)

Kau, Hawaii, April 23rd, 1899.

EDITOR P. C. A.:—For nearly two weeks we have had strong dry winds. This was beginning to make the water supply short, but fortunately on Friday, the 21st, heavy rains fell in the mountain and the water came up again, have had several copious showers

throughout the district on the low lands also.

Dr. R. I. Moore, the genial dentist of Honolulu, is here on a professional visit, and has been kept very busy.

The Kikapooas are here entertaining the people, and are selling a great deal of medicine.

Rev. Mr. Hill of Oahu made two trips a month now to this district to hold services, the first Sunday of the month at Pahala, and the third Sunday at Waialeale.

On the 15th inst. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson of Naelele were called upon to mourn for their oldest daughter, who died after several days of typhoid fever. The young lady was almost sixteen years, and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. She was buried at Waialeale on Sunday, April 16th, Rev. Mr. Hill officiating at the funeral services.

Pahala mill is still grinding, and is doing big work, has made fifty-one tons of sugar in eleven hours' grinding.

Honoupa mill commenced on the 24th to grind the Hilea cane. Honoupa is to have a new mill similar to the Pahala mill.

A petition has been sent to the Board of Health asking the Board to remove Thos. McMillan, the government physician for this district.

FOR MRS. MCKINLEY.

President's Wife Inherits Valuable Rights in Mineral Lands.

CANTON, Ohio.—Mrs. McKinley, wife of the President, her sisters and the heirs of the late George D. Saxton, own the oil and mineral rights in 250 acres of land in the vicinity of the Selo oil field. They did not know it until informed by a man who wanted a lease. In looking up an abstract he found that the present owner only has title to the surface.

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April 12th, 1899.

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